

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. ENGEL
TO THE MEDICARE RECONCILIATION PROVISIONS

Page 227, after line 26, insert the following new subsection (and redesignate the succeeding subsection accordingly):

(f) REPORT.--No later than October 1, 1999, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on the impact on home health utilization and admissions to hospitals and skilled nursing facilities of the amendment made by subsection (b). The Secretary shall further re-examine and submit a report to such Committees on this impact 1 year after the full implementation of the prospective payment system for home health services into the Medicare program, effected under the amendments made by section 4441.